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SUBJECT:PROPOSAL THAT PAN AM KEEP ITS OPERATIONS AT
TEMPELHOF

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH USBER THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
SHOULD BE INFORMED OF CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN BY PAN
AM TO REMAINING AT TEMPELHOF (REFTEL) AND AUTHORIZES
APPROACH TO SENAT, FOREIGN OFFICE AND ALLIED CAAS AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE MISSION AND EMBASSY OFFICERS
SHOULD DESCRIBE PROS AND CONS OF PAN AM'S REMAINING AT
TEMPELHOF, AND INVITE ALLIES AND GERMANS TO CONSIDER
PROPOSAL FOR DAY OR TWO BEFORE RETURNING WITH ANY
JUDGMENTS. IN THIS WAY WE WOULD HOPE TO IMPLY THE IDEA
HAS SOME MERIT WITHOUT, HOWEVER, COMMITTING OURSELVES TO
GIVING IT OUR FULL SUPPORT. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT SEES
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POSITIVE POSSIBILITIES IN PLAN, BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO

BE RUSHED INTO A HASTY JUDGMENT, AND WOULD LIKE TO
RESERVE OUR POSITION FOR NOW.

2. WHEN PROPOSAL BECOMES PUBLIC (AND WE LEAVE TO MISSION
TO SORT OUT WITH PAN AM, BFG AND SENAT WHO MIGHT SURFACE
SUBJECT) WE BELIEVE MISSION AND EMBASSY SHOULD STATE

THAT PROPOSAL HAS BEEN TABLED WITH APPROPRIATE FRG,
AND SENAT OFFICIALS AND THE ALLIED CAAS FOR
CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION. WE SHOULD AVOID MAKING
ANY EXPRESSION OF VALUE JUDGMENT ON PROPOSAL IN
PUBLIC UNTIL WE HAVE HAD CHANCE TO DISCUSS MATTER
IN BONN AND WITH SENAT. USBER AND EMBASSY SHOULD
ENCOURAGE UK, FRENCH AND GERMANS TO TAKE SAME LINE.
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